

HOMETOWN HELPS

LOOK TO THE VACANT LOT

A Little Cleaning Up of the Space
Now Will Result in Profit in
the Future.

Owners of unimproved property in this city who wish to sell it should take heed of a suggestion that comes from Minneapolis, where the matter has been under practical consideration. This is that any lot of ground offered for sale has a better chance of finding a market if it is kept in attractive order than if neglected and allowed to present an unkempt, unattractive appearance. Of course, as a mere building site, it makes no difference to a prospective purchaser whether a lot is neatly tufted or is a veritable dump laden with trash. Breeding operations are not deterred by refuse. But there is something psychological in the appeal of a well-kept vacant lot that gives it a "pulling power" over a trash-covered, weed-grown, unsightly place.

The cumulative effect of well-tended vacant properties reaching to a standard of orderliness throughout the city is unmistakable. Every real estate owner with property of this character to sell is interested in attracting the attention of buyers from outside. Such buyers are more surely drawn to a city that presents no unlovely aspects than to one that is peppered with eyesores.

The cost of keeping a vacant lot in order is slight and it should be reckoned by the owner as part of the overhead charge, along with the interest. It has been suggested that this cost may be added to the price of the property when it is sold. However it is borne, whether by the owner or the ultimate purchaser, it is a good investment. It makes for quicker sales and meanwhile for a more attractive city, which in itself is an asset shared by every owner of property.

This is the season to consider this question. Already the preparations for park work are under way. The ground in the public reservations is being raked, trash is being hauled away, and in a few weeks the city will be blossoming. Every owner of a vacant lot should consider his bit of ground as part of the city's park system and put it in order just as carefully as the tree-grown spaces under the care of the government are groomed for the season. The householders are expected to keep their front parkings and lawns up to a certain standard of neatness, and surely those who own land on which there are no improvements should be under the same obligation. — Washington Star.

Have a Garden.

Begin now to think of that little garden in the back yard, everybody who has a back yard. Such a modest enterprise has much to do to restore the harmony of life. If you don't get a radish, a tomato, a bean or a mess of peas, you will get something greater—pure air, sunshine, exercise and companionship with nature, which are a richer crop than all the truck in the garden. It is a great thing to watch things grow. They make a man grow, too; add health and strength to every part of his body; give him a clean conscience; make him love his wife and enjoy her vicinals. Tending a little garden makes a good citizen out of a man; gives him better thoughts; makes him kinder to his neighbors, and gives a gentler accent to his voice. And then, if he should raise anything in the garden, how happy he is to gather it and take it into the kitchen and lay it on the table, saying to his wife: "These are some of our own raising; ain't they fine?" That's life—grander than going to church in an automobile.—Ohio State Journal.

Value of Flower Shows.

Preparations are already under way for flower shows, and it is pertinent to ask, "What is the permanent value to those who attend?" Mere attractions will not permanently endure with any considerable measure of success. They must educate as well. In order to interest you must instruct. All love best what they know most about. The more one is instructed in horticulture the greater will be his appreciation of plants and flowers. Every exhibit should be a bureau of information regarding fundamental knowledge. Every attendant should be a mine of information regarding details. A feast for the eyes will not alone attract the best attendance, but a feast of the mind as well surely will.

Decoration of the Home.

It is not "a matter of taste" when we accept for our home's decoration those forms of beauty which we do not sympathetically understand; it is a matter of intellectual laziness.

We take what is smart for the moment without a question of its fitness and adaptability for our individual needs, and in so doing we lose that greater delight, which is the soul of art and which is our only thorough sincere study and search of the decorative fundamentals upon which the artists and lovers of the beautiful have built.—House and Garden.

NEED CHRIST'S HELP

Many Particular Reasons Why
Women Cannot Afford Not
to Be Christians.

The Bible has much to say about woman in every position in life. It speaks of her in the home and in public life; as a wife and as a mother. In all literature there is no such testimony to the influence of a good woman, and to the power of a bad woman for evil, as we have in the Bible, and it is certain that in the Bible the emphasis is placed upon the work of the woman in the home. But times have changed, you say. So they have, yet God has not changed the order of human society. The greatest achievement in the world today as of old is the making of a godly home. A man can build a house and furnish it in a way, but only woman can make a home. In these latter days many spheres of activity have opened to women; yet it remains true that in the home is her glory, in the home is her happiness, in the home is the fulfilling of her destiny.

In Joppa there was a certain disciple named Dorcas. She was a Christian. Every woman ought to be a Christian. There is something incongruous about a woman who is not a Christian. When Jesus Christ came he hallowed motherhood for all time by being born of a human mother. When he began to preach, then woman's hour of emancipation struck. Before that she had been a slave or a chattel. The commanding position of woman under the Old Testament is often referred to, and yet one of the rabbinical rules was, "A man should not salute a woman in public places, not even his own wife." One of the thanksgivings in the daily service of the synagogue was, "Blessed art thou, O Lord, who hast not made me a woman." No wonder the disciples marveled when they saw their Master speaking to a woman, and when he admitted women to the circle of his followers. He accepted their kindly ministrations. They gave to him of their slender substance, housed him and clothed him; and in return he blessed them with the noblest spiritual blessings and gave them perfect equality in his kingdom.

Soul Is Beyond Price.

If a woman came to me and asked me why she should be a Christian, I might put aside the great reasons that the human soul was made for God, and that there is nothing so precious in the world that for it you can afford to give up Jesus Christ. Men and women sell their souls. Do you think they make a good bargain? You have seen a woman sell her soul for personal adornment, for clothes; and when in later years you see her rags hanging on a distorted skeleton, do you think she made a good bargain? You have seen a woman sell her soul for pleasure, and when all that has turned to ashes, and the world has discarded a worn-out hulk, do you think she made a good bargain? Are there any jewels so precious that they will buy a woman's soul out of hell? "What shall it profit," said Christ, "if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul?"

A woman should be a Christian because of her home. She is a wife, or a mother, or a sister, or a daughter, and her home is or should be a place of happiness and peace. Some Christian women keep their Lord in the church. When the doors are locked, they seem to think that he is shut in. He should be taken home with you, for it makes all the difference in a home whether Jesus is there or not. The presence of Christ makes a different home because it makes a different woman, and woman makes the home. The presence of Christ makes clean homes and sweet homes, and makes them the nursery of the Christian church, where children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. A mother who has learned wisdom in the school of Christ shall have sons and daughters who in later years shall rise up and call her blessed.

Woman's Need of Christ.

A woman should be a Christian for her own sake. She is called upon to bear many of life's heaviest burdens. She is acquainted with tears and pain and sickness, and bitter trouble. Did Christ ever turn away from a woman in need? I do not wonder that women become soured and bitter, and break down under their burdens, when they have not Jesus Christ. I do not see how a woman can afford not to be a Christian.

The story of Dorcas shows that if the love of Jesus is in your heart it begins to expand, and you are certain to find something you can do for Jesus' sake. A Christianity that is not active is a misnomer. "Faith without works is dead." You are busy all the week working for yourself; what do you do for Jesus Christ? I know that many good women are busy all day, and into the night, and that their work is never done, but no woman is too busy to be an active Christian, and perhaps she cannot serve God in any better or greater way than by making her family a Christian household.—Exchange.

Await His Coming With Patience.

In our uttermost need, when perhaps we have almost ceased to look for any deliverance, he will come; and when he comes he will speak, if not the word of power with which he called forth Lazarus, yet the word of peace.—Rev. T. V. Fosberg.

SOME SUMMER SALADS

ESPECIALLY DELICIOUS DISHES
FOR THE HOT DAYS.

Three Made With Eggs and Different
Varieties of Vegetables—Of Water-cress or Asparagus—Mixture Is Liked by Many.

Salads, delicious throughout the year, are especially valuable as a part of the summer diet. Here are some interesting receipts for them:

Egg Salad.—A delicious egg salad—now that eggs are cheap again they can be used plentifully in luncheon salads—is made in this way: Boil the eggs hard for 20 minutes and cool. Remove shells and separate whites and yolks. Cream the yolks with a little melted butter and mix with mashed sardine. Form into balls about the size of egg yolks. Place a couple on each plate of crisp white lettuce leaves. Press the whites through a ricer and sprinkle over the yolks. Serve with mayonnaise.

Another egg salad is made in this way: Boil the eggs hard and devil them and serve two halves on a slice of tomato on each plate, with a leaf of crisp lettuce in which a big spoonful of mayonnaise is placed.

Still another good egg salad is made by cutting hard-boiled eggs in half and removing the yolks. Fill the whites with diced beets and peas, mixed with mayonnaise, and put on lettuce leaves. Sprinkle with the crumbled yolks and add a spoonful of mayonnaise to each plate.

Watercress Salad.—Wash the watercress thoroughly and then dip it in salted water to which lemon juice has been added. Shake well and serve with French dressing or mayonnaise.

Asparagus Salad.—Asparagus stalks are seasonal. Boil asparagus stalks carefully, drain and chill. Serve three or four on a lettuce leaf for each person and dress with French dressing. Or else on each group of asparagus stalks place a spoonful of mayonnaise and sprinkle generously with red pepper.

Spinach Salad.—Chop cold boiled spinach thoroughly. Dress with French dressing and form into a small mound or a nest on each plate. If made in nest form, add three or four eggs made from the mashed yolks of hard-boiled eggs and sprinkle the chopped white over all. If in the mound, garnish with lengthwise eighths of the hard-boiled eggs.

Cauliflower Salad.—Boil cauliflower and drain it thoroughly. Break it into sections and serve on lettuce with mayonnaise. Garnish with diced tomato.

Mixed Salads.—All sorts of mixed vegetable salads are palatable at this time of year. There are as many combinations as the ingenuity of the cook may devise. For instance, diced cucumbers, diced sweet, red and green peppers and diced celery, mixed with French dressing, are good. Then there are diced tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. There are string beans, with diced beets, and there are tomato and celery together. All can be served with mayonnaise, but French dressing is better with such celebrated mixtures.

Fish Balls With Bacon.

Cook three or four slices of bacon in a frying pan, without letting either the fat or the bacon become discolored by heat. Cut enough pared, raw potatoes in quarters to fill a cup twice; add a teaspoonful of salt and boiling water and cook till tender; drain, mash and add one can of fish flakes, two tablespoonfuls of cream sauce if at hand, or two tablespoonfuls of butter, one-fourth teaspoonful black pepper and a little hot milk; beat thoroughly, shape in cakes, dip these in flour and fry in the bacon fat. Cold, boiled potatoes, quickly rebolled, may be used in place of fresh cooked potatoes.

Mutual Gingerbread Pie.

Line a deep plate with rich pie crust. Stir together half a cupful of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of lard and one teaspoonful of ginger, then add a cupful of boiling water with one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in it. Stir in one and one-quarter cupfuls of flour and beat well with eggbeater; then break into the mixture one egg and beat thoroughly. Pour into crust and bake until a toothpick thrust into the center of cake comes out clean. When cold, spread top thickly with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored if desired.

Codfish Salad.

Put a piece of salt codfish to soak over night. In the morning pour off the water, put on fresh cold water and let come to a scald. Taste, and if still salt, repeat, as it wants to be tender and soft like fresh fish. Pick up, in flakes, cut a hard-boiled egg in pieces, mix with it crisp lettuce leaves, cover with the mixture and pour salad dressing over it.

Cucumber Stew.

Pare and slice one pint of fresh cucumbers, put in kettle with just water to cover them. Cook till tender. Pepper, salt and piece of butter. Add milk for as much as you want. Eat with crackers like oyster stew.

Sweet Pepper Salad.

Take a lettuce heart, cut a green sweet pepper into straw-shaped lengths, arrange on the lettuce, sprinkle with walnuts broken in small pieces and mask with mayonnaise dressing.

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Campaign Meetings.

There have been some additional campaign meetings provided for Edgefield County, and the dates of some of the meetings have been changed by request. Following is a list of the campaign meetings as at present fixed:

6th. At Ropers on Saturday, August 12th.

7th. At Trenton, on Saturday, August 19th.

8th. At Edgefield on Saturday, August 26th.

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J. H. STONE.

Adm. Est. Mrs. Leila L. Stone,
deceased.
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Notice.

The Democratic Executive Committee is called to meet at Edgefield on Monday, August 7th, and each member of the Committee is requested to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

B. E. NICHOLSON,
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